

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0094] with the following amended paragraph:

[0094] Figure 1 shows a washing apparatus consisting of a First Region 1, which can be provided with a conveying means 61, preferably a conveying spiral, a Second Region 2 and a Third Region 3. Between the Second Region 2 containing the wash material 4 and the Third Region 3, there is provided a flow resistance 6, which is fixed. This flow resistance is in the form of a baffle having openings 10. The flow resistance furthermore has product flow returns 26, by means of which the melted target product is introduced into the flow resistance 6 and can exit from the openings 10. The flow resistance furthermore has a hole 31 for accommodating a multi-thermosensor 29 having various measurement locations 30. The Second Region 2 forms a washing column 53. The washing column 53 is preferably in the form of a rotationally symmetrical pipe, through which, in the same manner as the Second Region 2, a central longitudinal axis 5 of the Second Region 2 passes. The walls of the washing column 53 have a surface that is as smooth as possible. The washing column 53 contains the crystal bed 32, which flows through the washing column 53 in the direction of the straight arrow. Contrary to the direction of flow of the crystal bed 32, a washing liquid 33 flows through the crystal bed in accordance with the direction of the snaking arrow. Between the First Region 1 and the Second Region 2 there is arranged a filter 7, which is provided with a filter offtake line 8. A wall 9 of the filter 7 is adjacent to the wall of the washing column 53. That wall of the filter 7 which faces the wash material 4 is in the form of a conical perforated plate having a sieve, the wall of the filter 7 being arranged at an angle α from at least 0 to less than about $[[90^\circ]]$ 90° to the central longitudinal axis of the Second Region 5. The washing column 53 accordingly terminates at one end in the flow resistance 6 and at the other end, except for the remaining opening to the First Region for a wash material supply 52, in the filter 7. The First Region 1 has the wash material supply 52, in the form of a pipe, in which the multi-thermosensor 29 is fixed by means of a tripod 28. The Third Region 3 has a melting apparatus 54, into which there opens out a product

circuit melt return and from which a product circuit suspension return leaves. On the one hand, the washing apparatus described in this paragraph can be operated so that the First Region 1 is arranged at the bottom, as shown in figure 1. However, it is also possible to operate the washing apparatus contrariwise, in that the wash material is charged from above via the First Region 1.